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SENATE BILL 6048

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- AN ACT Relating to ending partisan primaries; amending RCW 1 2 29.01.130, 29.01.100, 29.01.160, 29.15.120, 29.15.150, 29.24.020, 3 29.24.025, 29.24.030, 29.24.035, 29.24.040, 29.24.070, 29.18.160, 29.27.030, 29.30.005, 29.30.020, 29.30.040, 4 29.30.101, 29.42.010, 29.42.040, 29.42.050, 29.62.100, 29.68.080, 29.68.100, 29.68.120, and 5 29.68.130; adding a new section to chapter 29.24 RCW; recodifying RCW 7 29.18.160; and repealing RCW 29.01.090, 29.15.230, 29.18.010, 29.18.120, 29.18.150, 29.18.200, and 29.30.095. 8
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.01.130 and 1965 c 9 s 29.01.130 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 "Primary" or "primary election" means a statutory procedure for
- 13 nominating <u>nonpartisan</u> candidates, or the <u>president and vice-president</u>
- 14 to public office at the polls.
- 15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.01.100 and 1965 c 9 s 29.01.100 are each amended to
- 16 read as follows:

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- 1 "((Minor)) Political party" means a political organization ((other 2 than a major political party)) that nominates candidates for public
- 3 <u>office</u>.
- 4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.01.160 and 1965 c 9 s 29.01.160 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- "September primary" means the primary election held in September to nominate <u>nonpartisan</u> candidates to be voted for at the ensuing election.
- 9 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29.15.120 and 1994 c 223 s 6 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
- 11 A candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy at any time before the close of business on the Thursday following the last 12 13 day for candidates to file under RCW 29.15.020 for nonpartisan office, 14 or RCW 29.24.070 for partisan office, by filing, with the officer with 15 whom the declaration of candidacy was filed, a signed request that his or her name not be printed on the ballot. There shall be no withdrawal 16 17 period for declarations of candidacy filed during special filing periods held under this title. The filing officer may permit the 18 withdrawal of a filing for the office of precinct committee officer at 19 the request of the candidate at any time if no absentee ballots have 20 been issued for that office and the general election ballots for that 21 22 precinct have not been printed. The filing officer may permit the 23 withdrawal of a filing for any elected office of a city, town, or 24 special district at the request of the candidate at any time before a 25 primary if the primary ballots for that city, town, or special district have not been ordered. No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate 26 who withdraws under this section. Notice of the deadline for 27 28 withdrawal of candidacy and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to each candidate at the time he or she files. 29
- 30 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29.15.150 and 1973 c 4 s 3 are each amended to read as 31 follows:
- Whenever it shall be necessary to hold a special election in an odd-numbered year to fill an unexpired term of any office which is scheduled to be voted upon for a full term in an even-numbered year, no September primary election shall be held in the odd-numbered year if,

- 1 after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, ((either of the 2 following circumstances exist:
- 3 (1) No more than one candidate of each qualified political party
 4 has filed a declaration of candidacy for the same partisan office to be
 5 filled; or
- (2)) no more than two candidates have filed a declaration of candidacy for a single nonpartisan office to be filled.
- 8 ((In either event,)) The officer with whom the declarations of 9 candidacy were filed shall immediately notify all candidates concerned 10 and the names of the candidates that would have been printed upon the 11 September primary ballot, but for the provisions of this section, shall 12 be printed as nominees for the positions sought upon the November 13 general election ballot.
- 14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29.24.020 and 1989 c 215 s 2 are each amended to read 15 as follows:
- 16 Any nomination of a candidate for partisan public office ((by other than a major political party shall)) may only be made either: (1) In 17 18 a convention held not earlier than the last Saturday in June and not 19 later than the first Saturday in July or during any of the seven days immediately preceding the first day for filing declarations of 20 candidacy as fixed in accordance with RCW 29.68.080; or (2) as provided 21 by RCW ((29.51.170)) 29.62.180. A ((minor)) political party may hold 22 23 more than one convention but in no case shall any such party nominate 24 more than one candidate for any one partisan public office or position. 25 For the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of president and vice-president, United States senator, or a statewide office, a 26 ((minor)) party or independent candidate holding multiple conventions 27 may add together the number of signatures of different individuals from 28 29 each convention obtained in support of the candidate or candidates in 30 order to obtain the number required by RCW 29.24.030. For all other offices for which nominations are made, signatures of the requisite 31 32 number of registered voters must be obtained at a single convention.
- 33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29.24.025 and 1989 c 215 s 1 are each amended to read 34 as follows:
- Each ((minor)) party or independent candidate must publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the party or the candidate intends to hold a convention. The notice must

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- 1 appear at least ten days before the convention is to be held, and shall
- 2 state the date, time, and place of the convention. Additionally, it
- 3 shall include the mailing address of the person or organization
- 4 sponsoring the convention.
- 5 **Sec. 8.** RCW 29.24.030 and 1989 c 215 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 (1) To be valid, a convention must be attended by at least <u>two</u> 8 <u>hundred registered voters when nominating a candidate for statewide</u> 9 <u>office, or twenty-five registered voters for any other candidate</u>.
- (2) In order to nominate candidates for the offices of president 10 and vice-president of the United States, United States senator, or any 11 12 statewide office, a nominating convention shall obtain and submit to the filing officer the signatures of at least two hundred registered 13 14 voters of the state of Washington. In order to nominate candidates for 15 any other office, a nominating convention shall obtain and submit to the filing officer the signatures of twenty-five persons who are 16 registered to vote in the jurisdiction of the office for which the 17 18 nominations are made.
- 19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 29.24.035 and 1989 c 215 s 5 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- A nominating petition submitted under this chapter shall clearly identify the name of the ((minor)) party or independent candidate convention as it appears on the certificate of nomination as required by RCW ((29.24.030(3))) 29.24.040(3). The petition shall also contain a statement that the person signing the petition is a registered voter of the state of Washington and shall have a space for the voter to sign his or her name and to print his or her name and address. No person
- 28 may sign more than one nominating petition under this chapter for an
- 29 office for a primary or election.
- 30 **Sec. 10.** RCW 29.24.040 and 1989 c 215 s 4 are each amended to read 31 as follows:
- 32 A certificate evidencing nominations made at a convention must:
- 33 (1) Be in writing;
- 34 (2) Contain the name of each person nominated, his residence, and 35 the office for which he is named, and if the nomination is for the

- offices of president and vice-president of the United States, a sworn statement from both nominees giving their consent to the nomination;
- 3 (3) Identify the ((minor)) political party or the independent 4 candidate on whose behalf the convention was held;

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- (4) Be verified by the oath of the presiding officer and secretary;
- 6 (5) Be accompanied by a nominating petition or petitions bearing 7 the signatures and addresses of registered voters equal in number to 8 that required by RCW 29.24.030;
- 9 (6) Contain proof of publication of the notice of calling the 10 convention; and
- (7) Be submitted to the appropriate filing officer not later than 11 one week following the adjournment of the convention at which the 12 nominations were made. If the nominations are made only for offices 13 whose jurisdiction is entirely within one county, the certificate and 14 15 nominating petitions must be filed with the county auditor. 16 ((minor)) party or independent candidate convention nominates any 17 candidates for offices whose jurisdiction encompasses more than one county, all nominating petitions and the convention certificates must 18 19 be filed with the secretary of state.
- 20 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29.24.070 and 1990 c 59 s 103 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
 - Not later than the ((Friday immediately preceding the first day for candidates to file)) third Tuesday of the preceding September or the seventh Tuesday immediately preceding the general election, whichever occurs first, the secretary of state shall notify the county auditors of the names and designations of all ((minor)) party and independent candidates who have filed valid convention certificates and nominating petitions with that office. Except for the offices of president and vice-president, persons nominated under this chapter shall file declarations of candidacy as provided by RCW 29.15.010 and 29.15.030. The name of a candidate nominated at a convention shall not be printed upon the primary ballot unless he pays the fee required by law to be paid by candidates for the same office to be nominated at a primary.
- 34 **Sec. 12.** RCW 29.18.160 and 1977 ex.s. c 329 s 13 are each amended 35 to read as follows:
- A vacancy caused by the death or disqualification of any candidate or nominee of a ((major or minor)) political party may be filled at any

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time up to and including the day ((prior to)) before the election for 2 that position. For state partisan offices in any political subdivision voted on solely by electors of a single county, an individual ((shall)) 3 4 must be appointed to fill ((such)) the vacancy by the county central 5 committee ((in)) if the ((case of a major)) political party has county <u>central committees</u> or by the state central committee or comparable 6 7 governing body in the case of a ((minor)) political party without 8 county central committees. For other partisan offices, including 9 federal or statewide offices, an individual ((shall)) must be appointed 10 to fill ((such)) the vacancy by the state central committee or comparable governing body of the appropriate political party. 11

((Should such)) If the vacancy occurs no later than the third Tuesday ((prior to the state primary or)) before the general election concerned and the ballots and voting machine labels have been printed, ((it shall be mandatory that)) they must be corrected by the appropriate election officers. In making ((such)) the correction, it ((shall)) is not ((be)) necessary to reprint complete ballots if any other less expensive technique can be used and the resulting correction is reasonably clear.

((Should such)) If the vacancy occurs after the third Tuesday ((prior to said state primary or)) before the general election and time does not exist in which to correct paper ballots (including absentee ballots) or voting machine labels, either in total or in part, then the votes cast or recorded for the person who has died or become disqualified ((shall)) will be counted for the person who has been named to fill ((such)) the vacancy.

When the secretary of state is the person with whom the appointment by the ((major or minor)) political party is filed, he shall, in certifying candidates or nominations to the various county officers insert the name of the person appointed to fill a vacancy.

((In the event that)) If the secretary of state has already sent forth ((his)) the certificate when the appointment to fill a vacancy is filed ((with him)), ((he)) the secretary shall forthwith certify to the county auditors of the proper counties the name and place of residence of the person appointed to fill a vacancy, the office for which ((he)) the person is a candidate or nominee, the party ((he represents)) represented, and all other pertinent facts pertaining to the vacancy.

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1 **Sec. 13.** RCW 29.27.030 and 1965 c 9 s 29.27.030 are each amended 2 to read as follows:

3 Not more than ten nor less than three days prior to the primary 4 election the county auditor shall publish notice of such primary in one 5 or more newspapers of general circulation within the county. notice shall contain the ((proper party designations, the)) names and 6 addresses of all persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy to 7 be voted upon at that primary election, the hours during which the 8 polls will be open, and that the election will be held in the regular 9 10 polling place in each precinct, giving the address of each polling place((: PROVIDED, That the names of all candidates for nonpartisan 11 12 offices shall be published separately with designation of the offices 13 for which they are candidates but without party designation. This 14 shall be the only notice required for the holding of any primary 15 election)).

16 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29.30.005 and 1990 c 59 s 93 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

18 Except for the candidates for the positions of president and vice-19 president $((or))_{\perp}$ for a partisan office, or <u>a</u> nonpartisan office for which no primary is required, the names of all candidates who have 20 21 filed for nomination ((under chapter 29.18 RCW and those independent 22 candidates and candidates of minor political parties who have been 23 nominated under chapter 29.24 RCW shall)) will appear on the 24 appropriate ballot at the primary throughout the jurisdiction in which 25 they are to be nominated.

26 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29.30.020 and 1990 c 59 s 11 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

28 The positions or offices on a primary ballot shall be arranged in 29 substantially the following order: ((United States senator; United 30 States representative; governor; lieutenant governor; secretary of 31 state; state treasurer; state auditor; attorney general; commissioner of public lands;)) superintendent of public instruction; ((insurance) 32 33 commissioner; state senator; state representative;)) nonpartisan county officers; justices of the supreme court; judges of the court of 34 35 appeals; judges of the superior court; and judges of the district For all other jurisdictions on the primary ballot, the 36 37 nonpartisan offices in each jurisdiction shall be grouped together and

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be in the order of the position numbers assigned to those nonpartisan
offices, if any.

The order of the positions or offices on an election ballot shall 3 4 be substantially ((the same as on a primary ballot except that the 5 offices of president and vice president of the United States shall precede all other offices on a presidential election ballot)) in the 6 7 following order: The offices of president and vice-president; United 8 States senator; United States representative; governor; lieutenant 9 governor; secretary of state; state treasurer; state auditor; attorney general; commissioner of public lands; superintendent of public 10 instruction; insurance commissioner; state senator; state 11 representative; county officers; justices of the supreme court; judges 12 13 of the court of appeals; judges of the superior court; and judges of the district court. State ballot issues shall be placed before all 14 15 offices on an election ballot. The positions on a ballot to be assigned to ballot measures regarding local units of government shall 16 be established by the secretary of state by rule. 17

20 the ((primary and)) election ballot.

The political party or independent candidacy of each candidate for

partisan office shall be indicated next to the name of the candidate on

21 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29.30.040 and 1990 c 59 s 94 are each amended to read 22 as follows:

23 At primaries((, the names of candidates for federal, state, and 24 county partisan offices,)) for the office of superintendent of public 25 instruction, and for judicial offices ((shall)), the names of <u>candidates</u> for each office or position((-)) will be arranged initially 26 in the order determined under RCW 29.30.025. Additional sets of 27 ballots shall be prepared in which the positions of the names of all 28 29 candidates for each office or position shall be changed as many times 30 as there are candidates in the office or position in which there are the greatest number of names. As nearly as possible an equal number of 31 ballots shall be prepared after each change. In making the changes of 32 position between each set of ballots, the candidates for each such 33 34 office in the first position under the office heading shall be moved to the last position under that office heading, and each other name shall 35 36 be moved up to the position immediately above its previous position under that office heading. The effect of this rotation of the order of 37 the names shall be that the name of each candidate for an office or 38

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- position shall appear first, second, and so forth for that office or
- 2 position on the ballots of a nearly equal number of registered voters
- 3 in that jurisdiction. In a precinct using voting devices, the names of
- 4 the candidates for each office shall appear in only one sequence in
- 5 that precinct. The names of candidates for city, town, and district
- 6 office on the ballot at the primary shall not be rotated.
- 7 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29.30.101 and 1999 c 298 s 11 are each amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 The names of the persons certified as nominees by the secretary of
- 10 state or the county canvassing board shall be printed on the ballot at
- 11 the ensuing election.
- No name of any candidate whose nomination at a primary is required
- 13 by law shall be placed upon the ballot at a general or special election
- 14 unless it appears upon the certificate of either (1) the secretary of
- 15 state, or (2) the county canvassing board, or (3) a ((minor)) party
- 16 convention ((or the state or county central committee of a major
- 17 political party to fill a vacancy on its ticket under RCW 29.18.160)).
- 18 Excluding the office of precinct committee officer or a temporary
- 19 elected position such as a charter review board member or freeholder,
- 20 a candidate's name shall not appear more than once upon a ballot for a
- 21 position regularly nominated or elected at the same election.
- 22 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29.42.010 and 1977 ex.s. c 329 s 16 are each amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- 24 Each political party organization shall have the power to:
- 25 (1) Make its own rules and regulations;
- 26 (2) Call conventions;
- 27 (3) Elect delegates to conventions, state and national;
- 28 (4) Fill vacancies on the ticket;
- 29 (5) Provide for the nomination of partisan candidates and
- 30 presidential electors; and
- 31 (6) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization((÷
- 32 PROVIDED, That only major political parties shall have the power to
- 33 designate candidates to appear on the state primary election ballot as
- 34 provided in RCW 29.18.150 as now or hereafter amended)).
- 35 **Sec. 19.** RCW 29.42.040 and 1990 c 59 s 104 are each amended to
- 36 read as follows:

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Any member of a ((major)) political party whose candidate for 1 governor at the last gubernatorial election received the highest or 2 next highest vote for that office, who is a registered voter in the 3 4 precinct may ((upon payment of a fee of one dollar file his or her declaration of candidacy as prescribed under RCW 29.15.010 with the 5 county auditor for the office of precinct committee officer of his or 6 7 her party in that precinct)) be appointed as a precinct committee 8 When ((elected)) selected the precinct committee officer 9 shall serve so long as the committee officer remains an eligible voter 10 in that precinct and until a successor has been ((elected at the next ensuing state general election in the even-numbered year)) selected by 11 a political party. 12

13 **Sec. 20.** RCW 29.42.050 and 1991 c 363 s 34 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

((The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the primaries shall apply to candidates for precinct committee officer except that the filing period for this office alone shall be extended to and include the Friday immediately following the last day for political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW 29.18.150, and the office shall not be voted upon at the primaries, but the names of all candidates must appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for the general November election for each even-numbered year and the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected: PROVIDED, That to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at least ten percent of the number of votes cast for the candidate of the candidate's party receiving the greatest number of votes in the precinct. Any person elected to the office of precinct committee officer who has not filed a declaration of candidacy shall pay the fee of one dollar to the county auditor for a certificate of election. The term of office of precinct committee officer shall be for two years, commencing upon completion of the official canvass of votes by the county canvassing board of election returns. Should any vacancy occur in this office by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification of the incumbent, or because of failure to elect, the respective county chair of the county central committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in legislative districts having a majority of its precincts in a county with a population of one million or more,

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- such appointment shall be made only upon the recommendation of the 1 legislative district chair: PROVIDED, That the person so appointed 2 shall have the same qualifications as candidates when filing for 3 4 election to such office for such precinct: PROVIDED FURTHER, That when 5 a vacancy in the office of precinct committee officer exists because of failure to elect at a state general election, such vacancy shall not be 6
- 7 filled until after the organization meeting of the county central
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- committee and the new county chair selected as provided by RCW 9 29.42.030.))
- 10 Each political party may determine by party rules how it selects precinct committee officers. The term of office for a precinct 11 committee officer is two years. 12
- Sec. 21. RCW 29.62.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 361 s 97 are each amended 13 14 to read as follows:
- 15 The secretary of state shall, as soon as possible but in any event 16 not later than the third Tuesday following the primary, canvass and certify the returns of all primary elections as to ((candidates for 17 18 state offices, United States senators and representatives in congress,
- and)) all ((other)) nonpartisan candidates whose district extends 19
- beyond the limits of a single county. 20

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- 21 Sec. 22. RCW 29.68.080 and 1990 c 59 s 105 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 (1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of United States representative or United States senator from this state or any 24 25 congressional district of this state, the governor shall order a special election to fill the vacancy. 26
 - (2) Within ten days of such vacancy occurring, he or she shall issue a writ of election fixing a date for the special vacancy election not less than ninety days after the issuance of the writ, fixing a date ((for the primary for nominating)) that the political parties shall submit their nomination of candidates for the special vacancy election not less than thirty days before the day fixed for holding the special vacancy election, fixing the dates for the special filing period, and designating the term or part of the term for which the vacancy exists. If the vacancy is in the office of United States representative, the writ of election shall specify the congressional district that is

p. 11 SB 6048 (3) If the vacancy occurs less than six months before a state general election and before the second Friday following the close of the filing period for that general election, the ((special primary and)) special vacancy elections shall be held in concert with the ((state primary and)) state general election in that year.

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- 6 (4) ((If the vacancy occurs on or after the first day for filing 7 under RCW 29.15.020 and on or before the second Friday following the 8 close of the filing period, a special filing period of three normal 9 business days shall be fixed by the governor and notice thereof given 10 to all media, including press, radio, and television within the area in which the vacancy election is to be held, to the end that, insofar as 11 possible, all interested persons will be aware of such filing period. 12 The last day of the filing period shall not be later than the third 13 14 Tuesday before the primary at which candidates are to be nominated. 15 The names of candidates who have filed valid declarations of candidacy 16 during this three day period shall appear on the approaching primary 17 ballot.
- (5)) If the vacancy occurs later than the second Friday following the close of the filing period, a ((special primary and)) special vacancy election to fill the position shall be held after the next state general election but, in any event, no later than the ninetieth day following the November election.
- 23 <u>(5) Nomination of candidates in this section must be determined by</u> 24 <u>political party rules.</u>
- 25 (6) As used in this chapter, "county" means, in the case of a 26 vacancy in the office of United States senator, any or all of the 27 counties in the state and, in the case of a vacancy in the office of 28 United States representative, only those counties wholly or partly 29 within the congressional district in which the vacancy has occurred.
- 30 **Sec. 23.** RCW 29.68.100 and 1985 c 45 s 5 are each amended to read 31 as follows:
- After calling a ((special primary and)) special vacancy election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States representative or United States senator from this state, the governor shall immediately notify the secretary of state who shall, in turn, immediately notify the county auditor of each county wholly or partly within which the vacancy exists.

- Each county auditor shall publish notices of ((the special primary and)) the special vacancy election at least once in any legal newspaper published in the county, as provided by RCW 29.27.030 and 29.27.080 respectively.
- 5 **Sec. 24.** RCW 29.68.120 and 1985 c 45 s 6 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- (((1) The canvass of the votes cast at a special primary for a
 United States representative or senator shall be completed in each
 county within ten days after the primary. The returns shall be
 transmitted immediately to the secretary of state, who shall certify
 the returns in the manner provided by RCW 29.62.100. As soon as
 possible after the canvass, the secretary of state shall certify the
 names of the nominees to the county auditors.
- (2)) The canvass of the votes cast at a special vacancy election for a United States representative or senator shall be completed in each county within fifteen days after the vacancy election. The returns shall be transmitted immediately to the secretary of state, who shall certify the returns in the manner provided in RCW 29.62.120.
- 19 **Sec. 25.** RCW 29.68.130 and 1985 c 45 s 7 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- 21 The general election laws ((and laws relating to partisan primaries 22 shall)) apply to the special primaries and vacancy elections provided 23 for in RCW 29.68.080 through 29.68.120 to the extent that they are not 24 inconsistent with the provisions of these sections. Statutory time 25 deadlines relating to availability of absentee ballots, certification, canvassing, and related procedures that cannot be met in a timely 26 27 fashion may be modified for the purposes of a ((specific primary or)) 28 vacancy election under this chapter by the secretary of state through emergency rules adopted under RCW 29.04.080. 29
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. The following acts or parts of acts are ach repealed:
- 32 (1) RCW 29.01.090 (Major political party) and 1977 ex.s. c 329 s 9 33 & 1965 c 9 s 29.01.090;
- 34 (2) RCW 29.15.230 (Vacancy in partisan elective office--Special filing period) and 1981 c 180 s 2;

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- 1 (3) RCW 29.18.010 (Application of chapter) and 1990 c 59 s 78 & 2 1965 c 9 s 29.18.010;
- 3 (4) RCW 29.18.120 (General election laws govern primaries) and 1990 4 c 59 s 87, 1971 ex.s. c 112 s 1, & 1965 c 9 s 29.18.120;
- 5 (5) RCW 29.18.150 (Vacancies on major party ticket caused by no 6 filing--How filled) and 1990 c 59 s 102, 1977 ex.s. c 329 s 12, & 1965 7 c 9 s 29.18.150;
- 8 (6) RCW 29.18.200 (Blanket primary authorized) and 1990 c 59 s 88 9 & 1965 c 9 s 29.18.200; and
- 10 (7) RCW 29.30.095 (Partisan candidates qualified for general 11 election) and 1990 c 59 s 96.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. RCW 29.18.160 is recodified as a section in chapter 29.24 RCW.

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